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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Alan E. Shluzas
Appl. No.	:	10/075668
Filed	:	February 13, 2002
For	:	APPARATUS FOR CONNECTING A LONGITUDINAL MEMBER TO A BONE PORTION
Examiner	:	A. Ramana
Group Art Unit	:	3732

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following claim amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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